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SUBJECT: NPG - NMA TASKING FOR NIKE HERCULES FOLLOW-ON
PLANNING

REF: (A) USNATO 05391 (DTG 151843Z JUN 77), (B) USNATO
06536 (DTG 071339Z JUL 77), (C) STATE 154404 (DTG
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SUMMARY: THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) IS PREPARING A
PROPOSED LETTER FROM SYG LUNS FORMALLY TASKING THE NMA'S
WITH FOLLOW-ON NIKE HERCULES PLANNING. THE IS HAS IN-
FORMALLY REQUESTED INPUTS FOR THE LETTER FROM THE US AND
FRG. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 5 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) IS DRAFTING A PROPOSED
LETTER FROM SYG LUNS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE FORMALLY TASKING NMA'S TO UNDERTAKE FOLLOW-ON
NIKE HERCULES PLANNING REQUESTED BY NPG MINISTERS AT
OTTAWA (REF A, PARA 9; REF B, PARA 5). THE LETTER ALSO
WILL INCLUDE GENERAL REFERENCE TO OTHER POSSIBLE NMA
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RESPONSIBILITIES SUCH AS IN ANY NEW TECHNOLOGY FOLLOW-ON
EFFORT WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP. THE IS HAS INFORMALLY
REQUESTED INPUTS FROM THE US AND FRG FOR THE NIKE HERCULES
PORTION OF THE LETTER, AND HAS AGREED TO INCOR-
PORATE VERBATIM ANY LANGUAGE MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE US AND
FRG. THE IS INTENDS AT THIS POINT TO HANDLE THE LETTER
AS A P.O. RATHER THAN AS A WORKING PAPER, THUS NEGATING

THE NEED FOR FORMAL APPROVAL BY ALLIES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, PENDING INCORPORATION OF ANY WASHINGTON INPUTS, THE NIKE HERCULES PORTION OF THE LETTER WILL CITE THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MANDATE AND STATE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NMA'S HAVE ALREADY STARTED THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER. IT WILL ALSO STATE THAT NPG NATIONS HAVE AGREED THAT NMA'S SHOULD BE INVITED TO FORWARD THEIR FOLLOW-UP RECOMMENDATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE NMA'S WILL BE INVITED TO INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL IF THIS TIMING CAN BE ACCOMMODATED SO THAT THIS SUBJECT CAN APPEAR ON THE NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA. FINALLY, THE LETTER WILL STATE THAT PERMREPS SEE NO NEED TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE. THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE AGREED TO BY MINISTERS IN SPRING 1976 AND REFLECTED IN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE RECENT NIKE HERCULES STUDY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A GENERAL FRAMEWORK, PARTICULARLY AS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3(B), (D) AND (G) OF THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE. THESE PARAGRAPHS CONCERN THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE FORCE STRUCTURE AS A WHOLE, BROAD PARTICIPATION OF NATO COUNTRIES, AND CONSISTENCE OF NUCLEAR STORAGE SITE CONSOLIDATION WITH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. FRG STAFF GROUP REP (ANDING) CONTACTED MISSION OFFICER ON JULY 11 AND SAID THAT THE FRG UNDERSTANDING
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OF THE IS NIKE HERCULES SECTION CORRESPONDS WITH THAT IN PARA 2 ABOVE. HE SAID THAT SUCH A FORMULATION WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES. HE ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF WASHINGTON VIEWS, ESPECIALLY ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS THE US MAY WISH TO MAKE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT THE EMPHASIS IN THE SYG'S LETTER SHOULD BE ON ACTION PROPOSALS RATHER THAN ON FURTHER STUDY OR ANALYSIS. ALSO, WE HAVE NOTED THAT IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO GO TOO FAR IN RELATING PAST TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE NEXT STEPS MINISTERS HAVE REQUESTED. WHILE IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE A FEW QUALIFYING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE LETTER TO NMA'S, ALONG LINES INDICATED IN WASHINGTON GUIDANCE (REF C), WE BELIEVE THESE SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE MINIMUM TO AVOID ANY COMPLICATIONS IN FINAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED LETTER. GIVEN THAT THE FRG ACCEPTS THE BASIC THRUST OF THE LETTER ENVISIONED BY THE IS, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY WASHINGTON INPUTS SHOULD, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, TAKE THE POINTS IN PARA 2 ABOVE INTO ACCOUNT. PROCEDURALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE IS OF VERBATIM INCORPORATION OF A US-FRG AGREED INPUT FOR NIKE HERCULES

IS WORKABLE. IT WOULD AVOID LATER SNIPING BY OTHER ALLIES
AND PROBABLY WOULD RESULT IN MORE TIMELY FORMAL TASKING
OF THE NMA'S. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REGARDING THE
CONTENT AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NIKE HERCULES
TASKING LETTER. BENNETT

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